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## THE WEDDLE FAMILY.

### An Interesting sketch of Early Pioneers.

John Weddle a native of N. Y. City, enlisted in the war of 1812 and came West with the troops that located and built the fort at Council Bluffs, Iowa. His term of enlistment expiring while there, he went to Lexington Missouri, and settled there. He hired for a time to the Missionaries at Harmony Mission soon after it was established. He relates that a party of the Missionaries went across to Lexington to hire hands and teams and while on the way gave the present names to the streams in Bates county they crossed.

Seeing a herd of Deer near Deer Creek, gave that its name.

Mound branch named from the Mounds, &c., &c.,

They hired some negroes with the rest, and while one of them was alone in the woods near Papinville he was attacked by a panther which he succeeded in killing, after the animal had nearly killed him.

Mr. Weddle, married Jane Davidson of Lexington, and in 1843 emigrated to Bates county and settled in Mt. Pleasant township, near Miami creek. He opened a farm, brought up a large family of children but it is not known that he met with any adventures different from the ordinary pioneer life.

When the civil war came up the family sympathized strongly with the South and proved its devotion to the cause by furnishing six soldiers for the Confederate army.

Wm. died a prisoner, at Alton, Ills. Jonathan and Abel, died of sickness, while in the army. Samuel H., John R. and James H. served through the war and returned. Samuel H. lives in New Home township, John R. in Vernon county and James H. in Mt. Pleasant township. David the youngest son lives in section 1 of New Home township. There were 3 girls 1st, Chanty, is Mrs. Wm. Turman of Arkansas, 2nd, Susan lives with David, 3rd, Telitha, now a widow in Nevada. Susan has a relic, in the form of a fire shovel made by a blacksmith for her grand-mother.

Mrs. Weddle died in the fall of '57. Mr. Weddle died in the fall of 1866.

## American Newspapers In 1883.

From the new edition of Messrs. Geo. P. Rowell & Co's American Newspaper Directory, which is now in press, it appears that the newspapers and periodicals of all kinds issued in the United States and Territories now reach the imposing total of 11,196. This is an increase of 585 in twelve months. Taking the States one by one, the newspaper growth in some is very considerable. The present total in New York State for instance, is 1,399—a gain of 80 in the past year. The increase in Pennsylvania is 48, the existing number being 943. Nebraska's total grew from 175 to 301, and Illinois from 890 to 904. A year ago Massachusetts had 420 papers; now the number is 438. In Texas the new papers outnumbered the suspensions by 8, and Ohio now has 758 papers instead of 692. The most remarkable change has occurred in the Territories, in which the daily papers have grown from 43 to 63, and the weeklies from 169 to 243—Dakota being the chief area of activity. The number of monthlies throughout the country grew from 976 to 1,034, while the dailies leaped from 996 to 1,062. The figures given above are exclusive of Canada, which possesses a total of 606. It is interesting to note that the newly-settled regions of the Canadian North-West are productive of newspapers as well as of wheat, for the number of journals issued in Manitoba was nearly doubled during the year.

## A Peddlers Ghost.

By the roadside, on a high bank of the Licking, near the northern boundary of West Liberty, is a lone grave a little rude mound, marked by rude stones at head and foot, but no inscription to inform the passer-by who sleeps beneath. Here lies, awaiting the resurrection, the body of Morris Haggerty, an Irish peddler, who was murdered in this county in 1853. To some of our people whose minds are imbued with superstitious notions this is a spot of peculiar interest. Rumors of light-seen at night flitting about the place accompanied by a weird, spectral form that vanishes in the air and strange voices, have invested it with all the dread phantasies of a haunted place. Many and strange are the stories told of sights seen and noises heard about this place and many an urchin sits at night with dilated eyes quickened pulse and "hair on end" as he listens to the stories told of the frightful forms that caper at night about the grave murdered peddler. Ridiculous and absurd as it may appear, it is told and believed that the mystic wanderer from that humble grave entered the cottage home of Dr. Thornley, when he resided here and filched his knife from his pantaloons pocket and played havoc with his queenware. It is reported that these stories recently prevented the consummation of a real estate transaction in that vicinity.—Licking Valley Ky. Scorchers.

If "cousin" John had only stuck to the "Murphy's" he would not likely have seen any ghosts about the "peddlers" grave. This is from one that knows from experience. "SLATE."

## A \$20.00 Bible Reward.

The publishers of Rutledge's Monthly offers twelve valuable rewards in their Monthly for May, among which is the following.

We will give \$20.00 in gold to the person telling us which is the shortest chapter in the New Testament Scripture (not the New Revision) by May the 10th 1883. Should two or more correct answers be received, the reward will be divided. The money will be forwarded to the winner May 15th 1883. Persons trying for the reward must send 20 cents in silver (no postage stamps taken) with their answer, for which they will receive the June Monthly, in which the name and address of the winner of the reward and the correct answer will be published, and in which several more valuable rewards will be offered. Address, Rutledge Publishing Company, Easton, Penna.

Remember the sale for silk dress, cashmere dress and coat of Lonsdale muslin closes Monday, May 7th.

Burns & Co.

There are nine counties in Kansas, the combined population of which numbers 84. Six of these counties lie in the south-western corner of the state. Stanton with 5 inhabitants; Kansas, with 9; Grant, 9; Arrapahoe, 3; Stewart, 6; Stevens, 12. Further north on the state line three human beings are prancing around over the sand hills of Greeley county, sniffling the festive cyclone from afar.

See Cassidy & Pitkin's job and remnant counters before buying. Remember the place Opera House Store.

The North American Review for May contains nine articles, nearly every one of which discusses some topic or problem at the present moment prominent in the public mind.

Clothing cheaper than ever sold before at Cassidy & Pitkin's Opera House Store.

H. H. Nichols keeps a full line of Boots & Shoes.

You can buy your Boots & Shoes just as cheap at H. H. Nichols as any other place in the city.

## CITY GOVERNMENT.

### The New Council—Mayor's Message List of Appointments.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

Last Thursday evening, April 19th was the first regular meeting of the new City Administration. The members were all present, Mayor Brown presiding.

The chief feature of interest of the meeting was the Mayor's Message, and appointments to fill the different local offices. The message is published elsewhere in the TIMES to-day and the following list comprise the appointments.

The Attorney, Street Commissioner and Treasurer, were appointed by the Mayor, and the remainder of the list were chosen by the Council:

City Att'y. and Clerk, Wm. Henry. Treasurer, Ben. B. Canterbury. Street Commissioner, John Trimble. Assessor, John C. Hayes. Night Watch, Joseph R. Burcham.

The following standing committees were then announced; Finance I. C. Clark, R. S. Catron; License, R. A. Atkinson, R. S. Catron; Sidewalks, R. A. Atkinson, J. R. Simpson; Bridges, J. R. Simpson, J. C. Clark; Public Buildings, R. A. Atkinson, J. C. Clark; Streets and Alley's, R. S. Catron, J. R. Simpson, Public Health, J. R. Simpson, R. A. Atkinson; Cemetery, J. C. Clark, R. S. Catron.

The following business was then transacted:

Street commissioner ordered to survey and plot East Pine street with a view to having same widened and straightened and report at next meeting.

An amendment to the 9th and 10th sections of the ordinance relating to Oak Hill Cemetery, was read the third time and passed. The amendment makes the bonds payable in St. Louis instead of Butler and increases the rate of interest from 7 to 8 per cent.

Capt. Tygard through Judge Lefker, reported that he had been unable to negotiate the bonds issued under the former ordinance I was therefore ordered that new bonds be issued in conformity with the ordinances as amended and that the bonds heretofore issued be burned, which was done.

The following account was presented and allowed. W. B. Miller, work on streets one day and a half \$1.90. Ordered that poll tax be fixed at \$1.00 or one day's work.

Ordered that the city clerk furnish the county collector with the delinquent tax list and that he put the same on his books for collection and that he be allowed a reasonable compensation therefor.

Messrs Clark and Simpson were appointed a committee to confer with Samuel Phelps, with regard to his keeping male animals at his barn within the city and report at the next meeting. Adjourned to meet on next Thursday evening.

#### Hello Jim.

You are in a great hurry! which way? "I am going to Aaron Harts store to buy me a suit of clothes. He has a one price store and I like to trade with a man that has one price, and let me say to you, he sells better goods for less money than you buy any where else, and deals fair and square with everybody."

Cassidy & Pitkin Opera House store is selling at cost, and less to close business in Butler.

#### Next Door.

To the Palace hotel can be found J. E. Kellar & Co. with their splendid stock of harness and saddlery.

Vests 25 cts. 35 cts. and 50 cents, at Cassidy & Pitkin's Opera House Store.

#### Just Received.

A fine assortment of Ithaca calendar clocks, also Gong and Seth Thomas clock, the best in the world.

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F. Bernhardt.

## WHAT YOU WANT Bargains in Dry Goods.

Clothing, Boots and Shoes.

Having bought the

DRY GOODS & NOTION STOCK of A. S. Martin & Co, we are making a general

Closing Out Sale

Coner room under Palace Hotel.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. COWLES & CO

## THE BOSS FURNITURE DEALERS OF BALL & SON

IN THE OPERA BLOCK.

Their stock of Furniture is new and complete and their prices are lower than the lowest.

Parlor Goods, Lounges and Chamber Suits

a specialty. They defy competition in this line of trade, and guaranteed satisfaction in all cases. 14 301

## NEW DRUG STORE

Berry Bros.,

Keep Constantly on hand a well Selected Stock of

PURE, DRUGS, PAINTS,

Oils, Varnishes, and Everything in the Drug Line.

FIRST DOOR WEST PALACE HOTEL

Prescriptions Carefully Compounded both Day and Night.

Having opened a new Drug Store on North Main Street, and having had many years experience in the drug business we cordially invite the public to call and see us. We guarantee our drugs to be pure and our prices as low as any place in the city. Give us a call. BERRY BROS.

## McFAALRND BROS'

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GREAT INDUCEMENTS

FOR THE NEXT WEEK.